

Page 3, please replace the paragraph at lines 7-18 as follows:

B2 In a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a process of producing a fastening non-woven fabric, comprising heat-embossing a web composed of a sliver of core-sheath or side-by-side heat-fusing composite staple fibers thereby to cause a non-embossed portion to form a large number of regularly or irregularly dispersed convex island regions which are upwardly projected from a front surface of the web and allow an embossed portion to form a sea region surrounding each of the island regions, wherein the dimensions of the non-embossed portion and the embossed portion are adjusted so as to make a maximum diameter of the non-embossed region dispersed as the island regions shorter than a sliver length, and wherein at least one end of the composite staple fibers constituting the non-embossed island regions is heat-anchored at the embossed sea region.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

The specification has been amended to correct obvious typographical errors. No new matter has been introduced thereby.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 1-10 are in the case. They stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Abstract JP 9-003755, Rasen et al or Disselbeck et al, U.S. Patent Nos. 4,631,221 and 5,364,686.

The claims also stand rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite.